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## CPC Calendar ...

Date	Station	From/To (EST)
Feb. 10	WVYM-1570	6:30/6:40 AM
Feb. 11	WABS-780	12:00/1:00 AM
Feb. 11	KOTZ-720	4:01/5:00 AM
Feb. 16	WLIM-1580	4:45/5:15 AM
Feb. 18	KARY-1310	7:00/7:30 AM
Feb. 25	KUAI-720	5:30/6:00 AM
Mar. 23	KTGG-1540	4:30/5:00 AM

**WVYM-1570**, BOX 1027, Minocqua, WI 54548 will conduct a special DX TEST on Sunday morning, February 10, 1991 from 0630-0640 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Pete Rondello, VP/GM/CE. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**WABS-780**, 5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 11, 1991 between 0000-0100 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Bill Ashley, Chief Engineer. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**KOTZ-720**, P.O. BOX 78, Kotzebue, AK 99752 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 11, 1991 from 0401-0500 EST. This test will consist of tones, Native American and Modern music. Our thanks to Mr. Pierre A. Lonewolf, Chief Engineer for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**WLIM-1580**, Woodside Ave. Patchogue, NY 11772 will conduct a special DX TEST on Saturday morning February 16, 1991 between 0445-0515 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. George Drake, Vice President. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**KARY-1310**, BOX 1310, Prosser, WA 99350 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morn-

ing, February 18, 1991 between 0700-0730 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Tony Imus. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**KUAI-720**, P.O. BOX 720, Eleele, Kauai, HI 96705 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 25, 1991 from 0530-0600 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Roger D. Rogelstad, Chief Operator for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**KTGG-1540**, Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, MI 49283 will conduct a Special DX TEST on Saturday morning March 23, 1991 from 0430-0500 EST. Details to follow. Our thanks to Mr. Edmond R. Trombley Chief Engineer for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

**They joined ...** Robert Thompson, Marysville, KS; and James Thomson, Waukon, IA.

**DXchange ...** Ed Best - P. O. Box 51554 - Durham, NC 27717 is looking for persons in California to record airchecks of CA stations in most markets, and he will pay for recordings.

## DX Time Machine

### From the Pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the Feb. 8, 1941 *DXN*: Mention was made of the upcoming major frequency changes to occur March 29, 1941, at 0300 EST ... and Clarence Burnham, Gloucester, MA heard Brazilians. PRH3-1130, PRD2-1060, PRE3-1180, and PRA9-1220, all definitely identified.

25 years ago ... from the Feb. 12, 1966 *DXN*: High school sophomore Richard C. Goldfinger, Pound Ridge, NY reported hearing KSL-1160, CBN-640, KOMA-1520, and KGBS-1020 in late December.

10 years ago ... from the Feb. 16, 1981 *DXN*: Musings for the March 9 issue were being sent for alternate Musings editor Dave Yocis, East Lansing, MI, while editor Ernie Cooper served jury duty ... After being burglarized, Chris Hansen, The Bronx, NY advised members to purchase Federal Crime Insurance.

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# AM Switch

**Jerry Starr**

c/o WHOT Radio  
4040 Simon Road  
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:
680 WLFF FL St. Petersburg	WRMD
810 KMIK NM Santa Fe	KSWV
870 WPRQ TN Colonial Heights	WFKB
880 *New TX Hamby	KWVG
1000 KRHS AZ Bullhead City	KFLG
1120 *New CA San Martin	KSJI
1280 KREL NV Henderson	KDOL
1400 *WXX GA Alpharetta	WRAF
1440 KJLO LA Monroe	KMLB
1470 KANO MN Brooklyn Park	KBCW
1510 WLKR OH Norwalk	WVAC
1540 WPGR PA Philadelphia	WSNI
1550 KMKJ WA Vancouver	KMXI



12 East Washington Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

## APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

630 KSLR TX	San Antonio: changes in antenna system
860 WAEC GA	Atlanta: relocate transmitter, antenna changes
1030 KEVT AZ	Cortaro: relocate transmitter (CP, not yet on)
1080 WLVA AL	Luverne: city of license to Brantley, AL
1240 WPFN NC	Brevard: relocate transmitter
1400 WOND NJ	Pleasantville: day power to 1000 watts

## OTHERNESS

650 KMCE CA	Rancho Cordova: new station has been testing on the air, reportedly will simulcast KRCX-1110
720 WRBR MS	Richland: new station is ON THE AIR
870 WFKB TN	Colonial Heights: silent as WPRQ, station is back ON THE AIR
1250 CBOF ON	Ottawa: operations moving to 90.7 FM, station will cease to exist shortly thereafter. Testing of the FM facility is already underway.
1580 WPGC MD	Morningside: new 400 watt night power is ON THE AIR, antenna becomes U4

THANKS: TIM HENDEL, DAVE SCHMIDT, M STREET JOURNAL

73 and Good DX, *Jerry & BKE* Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foorman

# Domestic DX Digest - East

**William Hale**

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DX Catches in the Eastern U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

## MEDIUM WAVE AM BLINDS

- Recent Club-joiner Gil Chesney of Wilkes-Barre, PA took time to send in his initial report. And we welcome him!! Now to get all the rest of you to send in your DX for all the world to see.
- Kermit Geary notes that the CBC Network (CBL-740, CBM-940, CBE-1550, etc.), per anct, is AN7 for the duration of the Persian Gulf war, carrying a CLA mx request pgn and mx on the hour. *There goes the chance to log CHCM-740 and other goodies.*
- I'm afraid I've opened a Pandora's Box when publishing the recent list of Non-Directional Beacon stations (Issue 13). I've received correspondence about NDBs from no less than 6 members, detailing their NDB activities and all the stations I missed in my list. I in no way inferred that my list was complete. Remember, I started from scratch. Zero. Zilch. So with the reference material I had, in limited time, the list was prepared. Some of the stations logged by the above-mentioned reporters do not exist any longer. I checked. And...some of the stations reported are not NDBs at all. They are what are called 'markers', which lie inline with an airport's runway giving a positive position indication to the pilot when immediately overhead. These usually have 25 watts and are supposed to shoot straight up. NDB's, in North America are a dinosaur, as far as the airplane business is concerned. But will remain a vital part of navigation in other parts of the world for some time. I did some more research. Also, Perry Crabill writes to say that U.S. NBD stations are being moved from the 1600-1700 range to accommodate the expansion of the MW band. Some will now operate in the 1900-2000 kHz portion of the 160 meter Ham band, while others are expected to move to from 195-550 kHz region. And for anyone interested, The Aero/Marine Beacon Guide is available for \$15 postpaid in the U.S., and of course, others pay more...\$20. Orders should be sent to: Ken Stryker, 2856-G Toughy Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645. An updater will be included with the guide. Mention the NRC! And it won't take much persuasion for me to turn the NDB project (if there is one) over to anyone willing to volunteer.
- And, yup. Finally got my new EM Atlas. Now to get my taxes done!!

KUOA □ BOX 3145  
SILCOAM SPRINGS, AR 72761  
5,000 WATTS

## SPECIAL

- |      |         |   |
|------|---------|---|
| 990  | WALE RI | PROVIDENCE - per verie, sked is 0500-2400, 7 days/week, using U3 50000/1000 (KG-PA) [Log sez application was for 10000 nites. OK, Buffalo, what gives?? Or was this another infamous "Log Error"? -Ed.]   |
| 1000 | WVWI VI | CHARLOTTE AMALIE - 1/14 0103-0200 fair - good, very steady with only occasional short fades, with MBS Nx, Larry King + IDs <i>Radio One, WVWI, St. Thomas, American Virgin Islands</i> . Log says this one goes off at 2300, but apparently is NSP; seemed really strong for 1 kw, I wonder if they were on 5 kw day facility; I heard this a couple of times about 10 years ago & were nowhere as strong (RK-IL) |
| 1010 | WYST MD | BALTIMORE - now a 100% simulcast of WYST FM 92.3; 92 Star IDs; tipped off of change on 1/4 by canned staff member! (DS-DE)  |
| 1170 | WBRW NJ | BRIDGEWATER - 12/29 station silent, presumably due to oft-mentioned financial problems; 12/28 they were on early (0600) with snowstorm info, and carried promos for a New Year's Day Top-40 countdown pgn, so this was a surprise (BH-NJ)   |
| 1270 | WMIZ NJ | VINELAND - 1/13 1600 noted with ID in EE during SS programming; ex-WFHM (DS-DE)   |
| 1330 | WOLD VA | MARION - 1/12 1850 a semi-semi-local noted still on well after LSS with Casey Kasem's AT40, FM102 WOLD IDs, but no AM IDs as during the day; strong, covering a fighting WFBC; guess they forgot to pull the plug; still on at 2130 with automated CHR 1 FM; somebody goofed BIGTIME!! (BES-VA)   |
| 1570 | KLEX MO | LEXINGTON - 1/18 1959 ID as KAYX FM & AM KLEX; this sounds like KAYX FM AND AM if not listening carefully, causing confusion (MH-NE)  |

DX'ers - here's your chance to show off your DX shack, or that last DXpedition or activity! Yes, you can help Sue Knitter out with her class project - and participate in the NRC's first PR video. Sue says to send her slides and photos of DX'ers, DX equipment, and DX-related activities (with all persons identified) by February 15 to be considered for the multi-image show. Send them to her at P. O. Box 24 - Cambridge, WI 53523-0024.



- WBUG NY AMSTERDAM** - 1/11 0550-0554 on top with farm rx and promo for the *Weather Hotline*, IDs as *The All-News Station in the Mohawk Valley*, per verbi, sked is 24 hours NSF, 1000/204; new address is P.O. Box 570, Amsterdam 12010 (KG-PA)
- WQTW PA LATROBE** - 1/20 1750 simulcasting the rock mx pgm of WSLW-103.9, Scottsdale, PA; anncs during the pgm: *FM104* and/or *WLSW* (KG-PA)

### EMERGENCY BROADCASTS



- 990 **WNTY CT SOUTHTON** - 1/12 0657-0704 fair, even with WZZD, with closings and wx info on day following major snowfall; last hrd 6/11/83 during WZZD technical problems; rare here! (BH-NJ)
- 1020 **WKZE CT SHARON** - 12/28 0628-0633 fair, even with KDKA, with closings and wx info during snowstorm (BH-NJ)

### UNIDS AND UNID HELP

- 860 **KSAN? ?** - 1/19 1900 ID after OLD, then more OLD; looped N/S; is this KONO? (MH-NE) [Mebbe. They simulcast their oldies on KFAN-FM, and do ID as *KONO 860 AM and now twice the fun in stereo on KFAN 101.1* -Ed.]
- 970 **UNID ?** - 1/13 0649 soft AC with *Lite 97* non-IDs (MH-NE)
- 1310 **UNID ?** - 1/12 2300 sign-off mentioning *5000 watts*, looping roughly E/W (MH-NE)
- 1420 **UNID ?** - 1/12 0206 brief TT looping N/S (MH-NE)

### DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 690 **WZAP VA BRISTOL** - 1/18 0348 XLNT on ET with OC and southern GOS mx; gave ID: *This is radio station WZAP. WZAP, William, Zebra, Abel, Peter. WZAP in Bristol Virginia testing on 690 kHz, unnn* (REH-ON)
- 970 **KFEL CO PUEBLO** - 1/14 0202 very weak with CIDs using 1 kHz TT; TEST seemed to consist almost entirely of CIDs; too weak for any voice audio; last readable CID (and possibly end of TEST) came at 0233:50; CO #35 (REH-ON)
- KFEL CO PUEBLO** - 1/14 0207 fair on DX Test with VID; no other modulation or CIDs noted; seemed to be OC w/periodic IDs (RK-IL)
- KFEL CO PUEBLO** - 1/14 0201-0232 fair with XEL; anncs said *KFEL is now conducting a test* - address followed by CIDs (MH-NE)
- KFEL CO PUEBLO** - 1/14 test not heard on a poor DX AM, only WWDJ/WWSW on the frequency; unnn, varied on 10/21/58 (KG-PA)
- 1570 **WSWV VA PENNINGTON GAP** - 1/14 0433 TTs in progress; test had TTs and some OC (MH-NE)

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 570 **WVMI MS BILOXI** - 1/11 0527 very weak with ID - C&W mx; QRM from 2 unIDs; MS #20 (MH-NE)
- 610 **KSKE CO VAIL** - 1/20 0130 ID, wx, and road conditions - CNN Nx from *heritage* Cablevision in Vail; also noted 1/21 (MH-NE)
- 630 **WPRO RI PROVIDENCE** - 1/21 0730 with ID: *WPRO News*; WMAL nulled (PC-VA)
- 640 **WFNC NC FAYETTEVILLE** - 1/21 0735 morning news; *WFNC Newstime* in 7:35; also, *That's the news from around Market House* followed by SID (PC-VA)
- 660 **WMIC MI SANDUSKY** - 1/12 0744 fair with *Michigan* BKB TX [what is TX? tickets? transmission? Texas? C'mon Shawn, this ain't a SW column! -Ed.], *WMIC* ID, local ads for Sandusky stores (MBDXP)
- 760 **WENO TN NASHVILLE** - 1/9 0800 poor in WNDZ-750 slop with sign-on in WJR null (RK-IL)
- 830 **WWMO NC EDEN** - 1/13 0616 very weak with TLK under WCCO and ID at :30; NC #6 (MH-NE)
- 850 **WRMR OH CLEVELAND** - 1/12 0220 fair with NOS mx, *WRMR* ID at 0230; under KOA (MBDXP)
- 920 **KYST TX TEXAS CITY** - 1/20 0214 EE & SS CHR mx followed by ID with KYFR QRM; unnn (MH-NE)
- 950 **KMTX MT HELENA** - 1/12 0205 good with AP News, wx report, *KMTX* ID (MBDXP)
- 970 **WVOP GA VIDALIA** - 1/5 0640-0707 over all with wx, ads and C&W mx - ABC Info Nx at 0700, followed by obits; IDs as *AM Stereo WVOP* (KG-PA)
- 990 **CBY NF CORNER BROOK** - 1/13 0440 poor with OM TX, ID as *Good morning, this is CBC Newfoundland* - lite mx; alone on the frequency, could copy until 0455; first Newfoundland station heard (MBDXP)

- 1150 **WCEN MI MT. PLEASANT** - 12/28 0704-0708 atop channel with female with local nx, local ad, male DJ with C&W mx (BH-NJ)
- 1170 **WLGO SC LEXINGTON** - 1/12 0730-0736 alone but weak with SSB by female vocalist, male with full-data sign-on, female DJ w/wx and local ad, early *Beatles* record (BH-NJ)
- 1240 **WOMT WI MANITOWOC** - 1/22 0700 in the clear with legal ID - CBS Nx; unusual but unnn, varied on 1/10/47 (KG-PA) [Yeah, but they've changed finals by now! -Ed.]
- 1260 **WNDR NY SYRACUSE** - 1/12 0706 fair with TC, talk about 11 of *Syracuse* BKB, *WNDR* ID - C&W mx (MBDXP)
- WPHB PA PHILIPSBURG** - 12/28 0714-0727 fair with C&W mx, local ads (*Go For It* errand service), crazy DJ mentioning he'll be behind mike until 4 PM (BH-NJ)
- 1260 **KTTS MO SPRINGFIELD** - 1/26 0754-0802 with lots of short local anncs by female - what sounded like a REL song, which continued after :00, not hitting a newscast; then faded out as quick as I found it [Ed. -TX]
- 1270 **WXYT MI DETROIT** - 1/19 0705 very weak with wx and ID; terrible WKBF QRM; new (MH-NE)
- 1290 **WHGR MI HOUGHTON LAKE** - 1/13 0715 poor with NOS/EZL mx, *WHGR* ID by man; under CIFS (MBDXP)
- 1340 **WENT NY GLOVERSVILLE** - 1/22 0724 over all with local ads and NWS wx: *...present temperature in downtown Gloversville is 12 degrees below zero, minus 12!* (KG-PA)
- 1380 **KAGE MN WINONA** - 1/19 0710 ID as *K-G Country* - C&W mx; KLIZ and others interfering (MH-NE)
- 1420 **WACT AL TUSCALOOSA** - 1/12 0200 ID jx with WHK; very weak (MH-NE)
- WHK OH CLEVELAND** - 1/12 0200 ID as *Cleveland's Business*, WHK; new (MH-NE)
- 1450 **WVON IL CICERO** - 1/20 0147 popped in with ID; IL #45 & #20 on 1450 [duly noted, I had you for 12 prior to this! -GYEd.] (MH-NE)
- 1570 **WTLK NC TAYLORSVILLE** - 1/11 0543-0620 dominant on night power (PSA after 0600) with C&W mx, ads for Taylorsville and Statesville, frequent wx reports and 5 minutes of nx at :00 (KG-PA)
- 1580 **WRDD PA EBENSBURG** - 1/3 0729 sign-on: *Good Morning* pgm of GOS songs, anncs and recorded sermon 'til 0812 fadeout (KG-PA)
- 1590 **WWCC PA HONESDALE** - 1/6 0712-0730 over all with C&W mx, ads, and IDs as *Wayne County's Country*, *WWCC* (KG-PA)

WYNZ 1000 AM

### 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 850 **WEEU PA READING** - 1/20 1159 with ID - local nx followed by world nx; fair signal (GC-PA)
- 950 **WPEN PA PHILADELPHIA** - 1/20 1052 with call-in pgm *All About Real Estate* with Jay LaMont, toll-free phone 1-800-876-9736; ID at 1100 - nx; good signal (GC-PA)
- 960 **KFMY UT PROVO** - 1/12 0948 poor with *KFMY* ID & talk about Provo (MBDXP)
- 1240 **KFBC WY CHEYENNE** - 1/12 1007 very poor with *KFBC* ID in a mess, under KDRL (MBDXP)
- 1250 **KNEV UT ROOSEVELT** - 1/12 1020 good with *American Country Countdown* pgm, ads for Miles City; under CHSM (MBDXP)
- 1450 **KCYL TX LAMPASSAS** - 1/20 0830 with hymn - *It's seven-thirty, 1450 KCYL and let's take a look at Heart of Texas weather* (JB-TX) [Nice catch...all I get is Gonzales here - Ed.]

### 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 550 **KRAI CO CRAIG** - 1/20 2019 very strong, over/under KUSA, with 55 *Country* slogans; both KRAI and KWTO use this slogan, so beware; new (MH-NE)
- 560 **KLZ CO DENVER** - 1/19 1856 ROK mx and *KLZ-Rock* ID; hasn't been heard in a few months; good Colorado conditions on 1/19 & 1/20 (MH-NE)
- 570 **WSYR NY SYRACUSE** - 1/12 2227 good with *Syracuse University Basketball on the New York State radio Network*, local ads, *WSYR 570* ID (MBDXP)
- 610 **KZSS NM ALBUQUERQUE** - 1/9 1903 mention during ID of an FM with which they are [with; ROK mx (MH-NE)]
- 620 **KSTR CO GRAND JUNCTION** - 1/19 1849 ID after AC mx, then ABC-C Nx at :50; much wanted (MH-NE)
- CFCL ON TIMMINS** - 1/12 2135 fair with female in FF, TX about local events - lite FF mx; under WTMJ (MBDXP)
- 640 **KTIB LA THIBODAUX** - 1/13 2026 weak under KFI/WWLS w/MeYL; new (MH-NE)
- 650 **WKKQ MN NASHWAUK** - 1/16 1718 repeated CL IDs; ads for *Sears Brand Central*. Toyota; roller coaster fade; WSM nulled (PC-VA)
- 660 **WESC SC GREENVILLE** - 1/17 1635 SID *WESC FM 92*, over WFAN most of the time (PC-VA)



- 680 WCAW WV CHARLESTON - 1/16 1731 mention of upcoming WCAW Radio Auction; Butcher and Singer local stock report; C&W mx (PC-VA)
- 710 WAQI FL MIAMI - 1/17 1700 SS nx; Radio Mambi La Grande; ID in EE AQI Miami; WOR nulls (PC-VA)
- 720 WRZN FL HERNANDO - 1/18 1732 an update on the war, then an ID; suddenly gone at :35; FL #4 and #1 on the new HQ-180A (MH-NE)
- WMXY GA HOGANSVILLE - 1/13 1730 weak under WGN with UC & ID; new (MH-NE)
- 810 KDWN NV LAS VEGAS - 1/12 1941 over WGN for almost 5 minutes, then gone (MH-NE)
- KCMO MO KANSAS CITY - 1/11 1747-1757 fair in WGY null with Accu-Traffic report, local sports tele-talk show, Wall Street Journal Report, local ads; MO #2 (BH-NJ)
- WDMP WI DODGEVILLE - 1/7 1740 with polka and C&W mx; full-info sign-off at :45; KCMO QRM; WI #45 (MH-NE)
- 830 KPLT AZ TUCSON - 1/13 1909 over WCCO with a local REL pgm; AU conditions (MH-NE)
- 860 KOSE AR OSCEOLA - 1/11 1802-1812 very weak in CJSB null with ABC Direction Nx, OLD mx; AR #2 (BH-NJ)
- 880 CKLQ MB BRANDON - 1/12 1932 road report from the Manitoba Dept of Highways followed by mx; new (MH-NE)
- 960 WERC AL BIRMINGHAM - 1/20 1740 on top with Gulf War update from ABC; ID'd as You're listening to the First Station in Birmingham, WERC (KG-PA)
- KZIM MO CAPE GIRARDEAU - 1/16 2020 CL ID; mention of Cape Girardeau; CBS News Special; much QRM, but verified on tape playback (PC-VA)
- 1010 WHIM TN GALLATIN - 1/19 1758 fair in WINS's null with SSB, followed by ID and off (KG-PA)
- 1020 WRIX SC HOMELAND PARK - 1/12 1700 DJ said It is 60° here in Anderson-Homeland Park; SC #4 (MH-NE)
- 1030 WNTL MD INDIAN HEAD - 1/8 1702 AA program and ID as WNTL Indian Head, Washington's Superstation, then AA pgm again; #3 from MD (MH-NE)
- 1110 WMBI IL CHICAGO - 1/12 1745 with sign-off mentioning WMBI is a non-commercial station financially supported by its listeners; also mentioned WMBI FM 90; 1st-timer; poor, mixing with KFAB and a very weak WBT (BES-VA)
- KFAB NE OMAHA - 1/12 1800 legal ID - NBC Nx; KFAB mobile news promo at 1813; fair - good; an occasional SSS catch but never this good; lost to pattern change at 1814; WBT practically nonexistent; conditions favoring the WNW as many powerhouses were booming early (BES-VA)
- CKTY ON SARNIA - 1/19 2042 with C&W mx, slogan The Best Country, 1110 CKTY; fair, in WBT null (GC-PA)
- 1160 WSKW ME SKOWHEGAN - 1/12 1557-1615 XLNT with MoYL promos and mx, dual-city (Skowhegan-Waterville) legal ID, promo by news director promising best coverage of Middle East situation, AM 1160 WSKW keeps the Valley informed (BH-NJ)
- WMVI NY CLIFTON KNOLLS - 1/11 1612-1618 good with NOS mx, talkative DJ, Business Barometer financial report (BH-NJ)
- 1190 WAJL FL PINE CASTLE/SKY LAKE - 1/15 1737-1740 in the clear with an ad, pgm promo with many WAJL mentions and traffic report (KG-PA)
- WBSL MS BAY ST. LOUIS - 1/10 1933 ID: Covering Southeast Louisiana to Mobile, 1190 country, our country WBSL, American Music - C&W; later DJ said they were requested to be on the air because of flooding in the area (MH-NE)
- 1210 CFYM SK KINDERSLEY - 1/11 1923 ID after AC mx as CJYM-CFYM Kindersley; address given as in Log during promo (MH-NE)
- 1230 KSST TX SULPHUR SPRINGS - 1/18 2017 KSST Sulphur Springs, it's 17 minutes after 7 O'Clock - report of HS BKB scores; new for TX #152 (JB-TX)
- 1260 KTTS MO SPRINGFIELD - 1/23 1913 KTTS time is six-thirteen - nx (Missouri men plead guilty in Oklahoma to cheating in a fishing tournament - sentenced to 180 hours of community service and banned from future events; Oklahoma takes fishing seriously!! (JB-TA)
- WRIE PA ERIE - 1/12 1810 poor with WRIE ID in a mess (MBDXP)
- 1280 WABK ME GARDINER - 1/17 1654 over all briefly with recorded promo for a pgm aired on WABK, AM 1280 (KG-PA)
- 1350 KBRX NE O'NEILL - 1/7 1759 ID - nx; heard before, but never logged (MH-NE)
- 1380 KBWB TX BROWNWOOD - 1/15 1900 generic ID on the hour - AC mx; unn (MH-NE)
- 1390 WTHS ME PRESQUE ISLE - 1/12 1900 poor with WTHS IDs with mentions of Bangor, Maine; Your oldies station for Presque Isle, WTHS; our first Maine station...never dreamed we'd get this (MBDXP)
- 1400 WSTC CT STAMFORD - 1/10 1700-1715 fair in WEST's null with nx, stocks, wx, traffic reports; IDs as Radio 1400, WSTC (KG-PA)

- CJFP PQ RIVIERE-DU-LOUP - 1/15 1705-1730 strong in WEST's null with nx, sports, ads (would you believe Weight Watchers?) and call-in show, all in FF (KG-PA)
- 1450 KBEN TX CARRIZO SPRINGS - 1/20 2227 weak with SS mx and amnr; ID at :30 in EE (MH-NE)
- 1480 WCNT NC CHARLOTTE - 1/12 2300 legal ID; station promo including Talk radio that's right for Charlotte, WCNT, Continuous News Talk 1480; fair - good; channel unusually quiet - normally a mess; strange conditions this night (BES-VA)
- 1500 WAKE IN VALPARAISO - 1/12 1745 fair with mix of mx; WAKE 15 ID, local ads; under KSTP (MBDXP)
- 1510 KANS KS LARNED - 1/10 1859 sign-off with some info and no SSB; WLAC QRM and KEZO/KOMA splash (MH-NE)
- KLLB UT WEST JORDAN - 1/12 1915 sign-off with address given as in Log; much wanted (MH-NE)
- KGA WA SPOKANE - 1/12 1925 C&W; TC & ID by female; only 2nd time hrd (MH-NE)
- 1580 WRDD PA EBENSBURG - 1/4 1715-1724 strong, in the clear after WPGC's 1715 sign-off, with Community News, ads, and sign-off 9 minutes late; slogan is Word Radio and telephone # is 472-9324; runs full 1000 watts during CH, per verie (KG-PA)
- 1590 WWCC PA HONESDALE - 1/13 1700-1706 in the clear with nx, ad, Skywatch Weather Center, anct It's always Country in the Country, Wayne County's Country, WWCC - C&W mx until taken out by WCBG (KG-PA)

### REPORTERS

- BES-VA BARRY SHINALL//Cedar Bluff, VA//RF-2200 & Pioneer SXV300//[It's about time!-Ed.]
- MBDXP SHAWN AXELROD & WAYNE McRAE//Arnes, MB//2 R-70s + 3-1000+ beverages
- DS-DE DAVE SCHMIDT//Wilmington, DE//HQ180A, SM2, Superadio, & 9-R390A's-hi
- REH-ON CHARLES REH//Leamington, ON//R-390A + Sanserino Loop + TR-3000 open reel tape recorder
- RK-IL ROBERT KRAMER//Chicago, IL//R71A, R-5000, R-1000, HQ-129X + 2 RW Loops, Kowalski Loop + Kantronics Signal Enforcer peak/notch filter
- GC-PA GIL CHESNEY//Wilkes-Barre, PA//FRG7 &/or Kenwood R-11 + an old Harry Hayes SM2 loop on loan [the loop is old, not Harry, hi - Ed.]
- BH-NJ BOB HARRISON//Union, NJ//GE Superadio
- JB-TX JIM BOEHM//San Antonio, TX//Superadio + MFJ Dual Tunable Audio Filter
- MH-NE MIKE HAWK//Omaha, NE//R-1000, HQ-180 + 2' coax loop + Hall's Cough Drops
- KG-PA KERMIT GEARY//Walnutport, PA//
- PC-VA PERRY CRABILL, W3HQX//Winchester, VA//R-5000, 6S Inverted "L", 2" Homebrew Loop, CTR-75 Cassette Recorder

### GYDXA UPDATE

1240 kHz:				
XEBQ	SON	Guaymas	Tim Hall	Poway, CA 503
XESI	NAY	Santiago Ixcuintla	Tim Hall	20 mi. SE of Cabo San Lucas, BCS 277
1340 kHz:				
XEZE	NAY	Santiago Ixcuintla	Tim Hall	20 mi SE of Cabo San Lucas, BCS 277
1400 kHz:				
XELH	NAY	Acaponeta	Tim Hall	20 mi SE of Cabo San Lucas, BCS 256
XEI	MICH	Morelia	Tim Hall	50 mi W of Santiago Ixcuintla 335
1450 kHz:				
XEYZ	AGU	Aguascalientes	Tim Hall	20 mi W of Puerto Vallarta, JAL 227
XETD	NAY	Tecuala	Tim Hall	20 mi W of Puerto Vallarta 127
1490 kHz:				
XERO	AGU	Aguascalientes	Tim Hall	40 mi NW of Puerto Vallarta, JAL 226
XEGT	MICH	Zamora	Tim Hall	10 mi W of Mazatlan, SIN 361

### ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

|| parallel with or to -to or into :00 on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID ContChr:contemporary Christian EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net j:jingle LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset mx:music nx:news NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule S:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International wx:weather



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73, Bill



# Domestic DX Digest - West

DX Catches in the Western U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

(Publisher's note: This column took five days to make it to Topeka from Denver; furthermore, as I type this, it looks as if the next column is going to take six days! And we're paying higher postage for this kind of service? -pls)

## DX TESTS

970 KFEL CO Pueblo  
1/14 0201-0222 Poor w/ constant slow code ID's u/XEJ. Tape report sent. CO # 46. (TH-CA)  
Tried, not hrd 0220-0230 only EZL KESit & possible KIAK w/C&W. (RO-AK)

## SPECIAL!

1140 KIAN? MO South West City  
1/21 0712 Lcl spots for Neosho; Delaware County (AR) etc. C&W MX. Call sounded like KIAM (but that's on 630 in AK). ID "KIAN AM 1140 and ??? FM 100. Went back thru my old AM Switches and found no listing of a change... Maybe a change KLTk or some // FM job (WH-CO)

1220 KBNO CO Denver  
1/21 0435 "K Bueno" slogans and Mexican Mx... they've been AN-NSP as our Mexican Rating War heats up! (WH-CO)

1310 KFKA CO Greeley  
1/21 0810 Noted in passing w/ C&W Mx and "Your Country Giant" slogans. I guess they're back to this format. (WH-CO)

1390 KJME CO Denver  
1/21 0515 Mexicana Mx, "La Jota Mexicana" noted these last MM's running NSF now. (WH-CO)

## Midnight to Midday!

570 CKWS SK Swift Current  
1/13 0631 "Star Country" net C&W Mx, lcl ads and "Southwest Radio" slogans. Fair w/KLIF & KLZ-560 slop. SK #19 (OW-CO)

750 KXL OR Portland  
1/13 0830 Good off back end of SE wire after KOAL/KAMA/XECSI fadeout. CBS Nx, lcl ads and promos, ID to "Newsweek on the Air". Tape report sent. (TH-SDB)

800 KHIS CA Bakersfield  
1/13 0900 Poor w/ s/on... Addr & pwr given then faded out. CA # 58. (OW-CO)

1010 CFRB ON Toronto  
1/21 0545 Up briefly w/ Jim Croce, Barry Manilow etc Mx, lcl promos, "CFRB 10-10" slogans. (WH-CO)

1140 WVLE IL Pekin  
1/21 0730 Instrumental SSB to s/on ann "WVLE Pekin-Peoria" REL format and "We Value Every Life" Good o/u KIAN?. (WH-CO)

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1190 KORG CA Anaheim  
1/14 0119 NOS Mx, 0127 "This is Dick Heather-ton with more great songs on the memory station AM 1190 K Orange" o/u KRDS. (OW-CO)

1190 KVSF KS Beloit  
1/17 0159 Good on late w/ coverage of Desert Storm from ABC net. (OW-CO)

1230 KAMJ AZ Phoenix  
1/14 0329 Good with TLKNet and local ads and ID on the half hour. AZ #55 (JT-CO)

1560 KTXZ TX West Lake Hills  
1/11 0134 Tejano Mx, EE/SS ann by male DJ, legal ID 0200 "KTXZ West Lake Hills - Austin" fair to good. TX #111 (OW-CO)

1560 WQXR NY New York  
1/13 0330 Female announcer w/CLA Mx. Almost impossible w/KNZR NSP. (TH-SDB)

## Midday to Midnight

1040 KGGX TX Dallas  
1/7 1835 Poor w/WHO w/GOS format. "1040 AM, KGGX" TX #93 (JT-CO)

1370 KDTN IA Dubuque  
1/7 1752 Good signal. "Home of the Iowa Hawkeyes, KDTN" IA #25 (JT-CO)

## UNID!

1490 UNID  
1/13 0002 Seemed to have Golden State Warriors BKB //KNBR (TH-SDB)

## TIS

530 WNRS426 CA Vista  
1/12 1630 Weak on car Rx near Poway. Same tape loop as WNRS427 Escondido (CA-78 Construction) but a few seconds ahead of WNRS427. CA # 225 (TH-CA)

1610 KNEC996 CA San Pedro/LA  
1/12 2210 Fair w/tape on Harbor Freeway (I-110) construction. Female voice mixing w/ new station w/same call (TH-SDB)

1610 KNEC996 CA Los Angeles County  
1/13 2215 New Station w/Tape. Fair w/deep-voiced man. w/ I-5 info. Note many CALTrans stations start w/this mobile call and get their own call if they stay at one place awhile. CA # 226 (TH-SDB)

## Contributors!

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(JT-CO) Jeff Tynan Parker, CO - Sony-2002 w/2401si Loop

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(TH-CA) Tim Hall Chula Vista, CA - ICF-2010, Radio West Loop

(TH-SDB) Tim Hall San Diego, CA - ICF-2010, 1000' LW, 1400' LW  
(WH-CO) Wayne Heinen Aurora, CO - R-390A, 4' NRC loop

# International DX Digest

## Jim Renfrew

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hours

A reminder that loggings should be listed in frequency order, in the format shown (to make typing easier). All times UTC (CST+6), please be sure to note IDs, or add t for tentative.

TA and TP DX from the prairies this week, from the Manitoba DXpedition. Mark Connelly has gone back to nighttime TA DXing!

JWR

## TRANS-ATLANTIC

738 SPAIN Barcelona 0300 1/6. SS talk by man, fair. AA-sounding station noted in background. CBI phased. Also 0408 1/13: SS man good w/CBL phased, some slop from CHCM. [MC-MA]

756 GERMANY Braunschweig/Ravensburg 0258 1/6. Good w/man in GG. Also 0606 1/13 w/GG talk. [MC]

765 SENEGAL Dakar 0605 1/13. Good w/woman in Afro-FF (sounds somewhat like Haitian Creole), several Dakar mentions. [MC-MA]

774 SPAIN synchronos 0257 1/6. Man and woman in SS, fair o/others, also 0555 1/13 good to excellent w/man and woman in SS. [MC-MA]

783 GERMANY Burg 0255 1/6. Loud w/GG vocal, followed by GG talk by man. [MC-MA]

783 PORTUGAL Miramar 0600 1/13. Bits of PP talk, mixed w/the German station. [MC-MA]

837 UNID (SPAIN or CANARY ISLANDS) 0549 1/13. Uptempo SS female vocal, good. [MC-MA]

846 ITALY Roma 0546 1/13. Opera, poor in WHDH slop. [MC-MA]

882 ENGLAND Washford (et al) 0232 1/6. Good w/CLA piano, also 0527 1/13 man in EE o/others. [MC-MA]

891 ALGERIA Alger 0235 1/6. Good w/AA vocal, and 0539 1/13 loud w/AA talk w/2 or more announcers (possibly a phone-in show). [MC]

909 ENGLAND Moorsdie Edge (et al) 0605 1/6. Nx in EE by woman. [MC-MA]

981 ALGERIA Alger 0542 1/6. AA female vocal, poor in slop. [MC]

1008 NETHERLANDS Flevoland 0532 1/6. Fair w/DD talk. [MC-MA]

## TIMES AND FREQUENCIES OF ENGLISH BROADCASTS



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	21:00 - 23:00	
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	21:00 - 22:00	
Nanjing	22:00 - 23:00	585 kHz
Guangdong	07:00 - 09:00	600 kHz
	12:00 - 13:00	
	22:00 - 23:00	1584 kHz
Shenyang	21:00 - 21:20	FM 99.8 MHz
Xian	21:00 - 22:00	105.4 MHz

1017 GERMANY Rheinsender 0534 1/13. Poor w/man in GG. [MC-MA]

1035 PORTUGAL R. Comercial, Lisbon 0015 1/13. Very poor w/bits of mx. [MB-DX]

1044 GERMANY/UNID 0535 1/13. Burg w/man in GG o/u second station, probably Morocco. [MC-MA]

1062 DENMARK Kalundborg 0514 1/6. Hymn or anthem (s/on?) then talk in Germanic language (possibly Danish); CLA mx followed, and 0504 1/13 mx by man in Danish, Iraq mentioned. [MC-MA]

1089 ENGLAND Brookman's Park (et al) 0525 1/16. BBC good w/rock mx, female EE DJ. WBAI phased, and 0512 1/13 Loud! "pleasant Valley Sunday" by the Monkees, then EE DJ who sounded like MTV's "Downtown Julie Brown." [MC-MA]

1098 UNID (SPAIN or CANARY ISLANDS) 0317 1/6. Man in SS o/others. [MC-MA]



- 1107 SPAIN/unID 0315 1/6. Man in SS w/at least 2 other stations of nearly-equal strength. [MC-MA]
- 1125 YUGOSLAVIA Tavarnik 0308 1/6. Jazz, then progressive rock (Pink Floyd-style). Weaker than 1134. [MC-MA]
- 1134 YUGOSLAVIA R. Zagreb, Zador 0309 1/6. Progressive rock, strong. Signal about 10-15 dB stronger than // 1125. [MC-MA] 0040 1/13. Good copy for about 30 minutes, clear audio, American songs, sung in local language. [MB-DX]
- 1215 ENGLAND Moorside Edge (et al) 0329 1/6. BBC fair w/EE talk. [MC-MA]
- 1215 ALBANIA RT Shqiptar, Lushnje 0030 1/13. Very poor w/bits of audio and mx. [MB-DX]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy 0331 1/6. Loud w/blues-rock, then man in NN. [MC-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA RT Shqiptar, Lushnje 0030 1/13. Very poor, parallel to 1215. [MB-DX]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba 0337 1/6. AA chants and violins, loud o/second str that sounded GG or slavic (maybe the Czech). [MC-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN CITY 0340 1/6. Excellent (clobbering WCKY even without use of the phasing unit). Latin hymns, interval signals, chimes, then SLvic-sounding choral mx, and 0441 1/13 harp "heaven" mx, then slavic talk by man and woman. [MC-MA]
- 1611 VATICAN CITY 0349 1/6. Strong het against Anguilla-1610, and 0435 1/13 man and woman in Slavic language, in 1610 slop. [MC-MA]

## TRANS-PACIFIC

- 1548 AUSTRALIA 40D, Emerald. 1420 1/12. Poor, w/bits of mx and woman announcer. Our first TP! Hets also observed on 612, 693, 702, 729, 738, 774, 828, 846, 855, 891, 1026, and 1107. [MB-DX]

## PAN-AMERICAN

- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON 0358 1/6. Operatic FF male vocal. [MC-MA]

## STATION NEWS

ALBANIA: R. Tirana 1375 now has half hour EE broadcasts at 1830 and 2230. [Monitoring Times]

COLOMBIA: 1040 HJSY R. Super (ex-Reloj), Popayán. [Gaviria-Pampas #33/Distance]

CUBA: "R. Granma, Manzanillo, announced and listed on 1590, seems badly off frequency, heard around 1683 more than once, with complete ID at 0130; highly unstable, had to retune plus or minus 300-400 Hz every minute or so; very strong." [Don Moore/World of Radio/MI]

EGYPT: MW services expanded and re-organized; VO Arabs now 24 hrs on 621, and on 1008 and 1107 evening alternate frequencies. General Program uses 819 continually, Middle East Program on 774 0400-0630, 1100-2400. [MI]

IRAQ: VO Peace is sharing 1134 with the VO Arab Awakening, using former R. Kuwait transmitters. [MI] Probably out of date, as of late January - Jim.

MAYOTTE: "One of the strongest signals in East Africa is RFI Mayotte 1498 kHz now that its power has been increased from 4 to 100 kilowatts. Excellent reception has been reported in Nairobi at night, and even during the day along the Atlantic Coast." [MI]

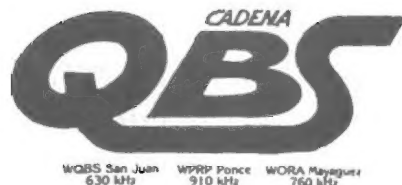
TAIWAN: The Voice of Asia 585 is now broadcasting with 1200 kW. [ABI/FERC/ADN/DXCI-605/Distance]

UNITED KINGDOM: "The first TISs have gone on the air outside the USA and Canada. London's Heathrow and Gatwick IAPs operate TISs on 1584 and 1512 kHz respectively. A former NRCer in Germany has QSLed the Heathrow TIS. These two TISs use 1 watt currently, but will be raising power to 10 or 15 watts. Look for more details in TIS Update 2." [Note from Chris Cuomo]

## CONTRIBUTORS

[MB-DX] Wayne McRae and Shawn Axelrod, Arnes, MB; DXpedition w/R-70, 3 1000+ beverages, snow.

[MC-MA] Mark Connelly (WALION), Billerica MA; HQ-180A, 2 phased 74m longwires.



# TIS Updates

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Additions to information about Travelers' Information Stations

Here is the second of three updates to the National Radio Club's second TIS list. This list contains some information from non-NRC sources and lists some firsts in the history of TIS radio. I have decided that if there is a third NRC TIS list it should appear around the beginning of Volume 60, as I would like to do a TIS list with updates every two years. You may have noticed that I reprint all loggings of new TISes in the updates. If you have information about a TIS not listed in the TIS list or the two updates, please send it here or to DDXD or Musings.

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(TH-CA) - TIM HALL - Chula Vista, CA  
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(JW-OR) - JACK WOODS - Waldport, OR  
(KG-PA) - KERMIT GEARY - Walnutport, PA  
(FM ATLAS) - 13th Edition by BRUCE ELVING - Esko, MN  
(POP COMM) - POPULAR COMMUNICATIONS - "Micro-Broadcasters: Hear 'Em!' by SMOKI WHITFIELD - article in the Dec. 1990 issue. I strongly recommend this article to anyone interested in TIS radio.  
(AB-Ger.) - ANDREE BOLLIN - Wolfsburg, Germany  
\* - Information was sent in to a DX News column.

## ADDITIONS:

529 WXJ25 - NOAA Weather? - Juneau, AK - format: w (JW-OR)\*  
530 WNR8427 - California dot - SR-78 - Escondido, CA (TH-CA)\*  
530 KNIC273 - Rockville, MD - (WPT-DC)\*  
530 Mackinaw Bridge Authority - Mackinaw City, MI - format: g (KG-PA)  
530 WNNM725 - Three transmitters - Big Flats, NY, Elmira, NY, and Wellsburg, NY - format: g, power: 10 watts each (KG-PA)  
530 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission - Two transmitters - Beltzville, PA ("northsite"), and Emerald, PA ("southsite") format: r, power: 7 watts each  
530 Charleston PD - Charleston, SC - format: r (KG-PA)  
800 KEC74 - NOAA Weather - Indianapolis, IN - format: w  
840 Captree SP, NY (POP COMM)  
1512 Gatwick IAP - Gatwick, England - format: sp (AB-Ger.)  
1584 Heathrow IAP - London, England - format: sp (AB-Ger.) [The Heathrow TIS was heard and QSL'ed using 1 watt. The two stations will be raising their power to 10 or 15 watts. DXers in good T-A locations stand a chance of hearing them.]  
1610 WNF... - Lincoln, NE - format: g (POP COMM)  
1610 Wisconsin dot - US-12 - Genoa City, WI (KG-PA)  
98.5 MHz - CFDT - PR-417 - Ottawa, ON - Two transmitters, one gives info to westbound travelers, the other to eastbound travelers, both in English. format: r power: 6 watts each (FM ATLAS)  
99.9 MHz - CFDT - PR-417 - Ottawa, ON - Two transmitters, one gives info to westbound travelers, the other to eastbound travelers, both in French. format: r power: 6 watts each (FM ATLAS)

## OTHERNESS:

530 WHTN473 - Frankfort, KY - This station was monitored with a call sign sounding like "WNP473" (KG-PA)

Above you'll see the first known FM TISes, it is expected that they will not be the last. FM is in some ways better suited for TIS broadcasting than AM, especially because of its short-distance properties. Twenty years ago, when the first TISes went on the air, there were very few cars with AM/FM radios. Now, virtually all new cars and trucks are sold with AM/FM radios, and many of the AM radios in older cars have been replaced.

Also above are the first known TISes outside the U.S. and Canada. They operate on the European low-power channels and their programming is much like their North American counterparts. I hope that the NRC members in England will supply information on any more TIS stations in addition to the new privately-owned commercial stations receiving licenses.

Until our third and final update...

73s  
Chris



# Moose, Maltais and Memories

## WKBR Radio Leaves Behind a Legacy

By NANCY WEST  
Union Leader Staff

**R**EMEMBER the time WKBR Disc Jockey Norm Bailey told Manchester listeners he saw a moose floating by on an ice flow in the Merrimack River? The broadcast brought droves of curious animal lovers to the old Amoskeag Bridge, creating a huge traffic jam. The stunt also brought an angry game warden who didn't appreciate the hoax perpetrated by Bailey, who is now deceased, but fondly remembered.

The story from the late '50s is being re-told now that 1250 on the AM dial signed off the air Monday at 4:33 p.m., ending a 45-year tenure on New Hampshire airwaves.

When the studio went dark, so did a little piece of a lot of hearts.

"Norm was sitting there one morning a little bit bored, asking himself what can I do as he watched pieces of ice flowing over the Amoskeag Falls. All of a sudden it hit: 'My God, there's a moose on one of the ice flows coming down the river,' he told his listeners. The phones started to light up," said Donn Parker, a former station manager at WKBR.

Parker, 59, who owns a radio station and advertising agency in Leominster, Mass., yesterday recalled his 17 years with the station that was number one in Manchester for many years.

Like many of the station's former personalities, Parker was saddened that WKBR closed up shop after negotiations with a potential buyer failed because of the economy and uncertainty over the Gulf crisis.

The Weston Properties Limited Partnership bought the station in November of 1987, but the station's real heyday ended in the early 1980s.

"I cried. It was such a great, great radio station," Parker said.

He left in 1979, but had no regrets about deciding to leave one of the top 10 radio stations in the country to raise five children in New Hampshire, all on a handshake with one of the former owners of WKBR, Ralph Gottlieb.

There were many great moments for the station known for its dedication to the people and community of Manchester. If there was a fire or major catastrophe, people knew WKBR would be there. If they lost their dog or cat, they called WKBR.

There were talk shows and Joe Maltais' French program and lots of pizzazz and personality.

Listeners showed their appreciation in return with intense loyalty.

"I'd say something like I wish I had a pizza and somebody would drive one up. It got to the point my boss would say, 'You've got to stop.' It was fun," said Eddie B. Baker, also known as "Elm Street Eddie" and the "King of the Queen City" when he was spinning platters at WKBR beginning in 1984.

Baker, 51, now works for the highway department in Lawrence, Mass., and plays the piano from April to November at the Sidewalk Cafe in Salisbury Beach, Mass., still concentrating on that good old rock and roll.

Baker charmed his audience for four days straight once and faked falling asleep so he could finally go home even though he didn't break the record for the longest-running show.

"We were the people in the city. WKBR meant something. We were the Big K," Baker said.

It was radio legends like Baker, Parker and Gary L. Pierre, now of WBZ radio in Boston, and Bill Morrissey, who went on to become PSNH's public affairs coordinator, and a long list of others that made disc jockey Ernie Jenkins just love walking in the doors to do his morning show.

"I grew up listening to WKBR and I'd think, here I am at WKBR. If I was still in high school,



WKBR radio personalities during the mid 1960s included (from left) Doug Cove, early morning, 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Bob Conville, news; Eddie B. Baker, 9 a.m. to noon; "Rumple", Ron Polcarl, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Donn Parker, noon to 3 p.m. and John Sebastian, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



EDDIE "BEATLES" BAKER displays some of the Beatles top albums in this 1984 photograph.



EDDIE B. BAKER (left) and Donn Parker are seen at the mikes.

"I cried. It was such a great, great radio station."

Donn Parker  
Former Station Manager

The (Manchester) Union Leader  
-via Howard Kemp

I'd be the king of West High," said Jenkins, a Manchester native, who like the rest of the radio station's staff lost his job Monday.

Jenkins, 43, started listening to WKBR when he was 3 years old and remembered being weaned on the Beatles via one of his heroes, Eddie B. Baker, who was also known as Eddie "Beatles" Baker.

The abrupt goodbye left some disc jockeys no chance to say goodbye. Joe Maltais told his

listeners in French on his last broadcast Sunday that he was praying for peace. He didn't know then he wouldn't greet them again when the outcome is known.

Al Blake Jr., general manager of WGIR radio, said his station is interested in broadcasting the Red Sox games now that WKBR is gone, but it is too early to say if it will get the contract.

Blake started his career at WKBR where his father, Al Blake Sr., worked for many years.



THE FINAL sign off. Ernie Jenkins, the former morning show announcer at radio station WKBR, dismantles the master control board at the station's broadcast facility at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

Dick Morris/Union Leader

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Changes in programming status; reported by NRC members and others

Welcome to another edition of Formats! First lesson is from the Tony Fitzherbert School of Broadcasting....here is the final exam from Broadcasting 101, for all of you who aspire to own your own station. It's a take home exam, and you must answer in two sentences. The situation....you have just received FCC approval for your 50,000 watt / 1000 watt U-4 station on 830khz. Your studios, transmitter, satellite dish (you cannot afford your own on-air staff except for your salesperson's daughter who tends the board during AM drive before she leaves for classes at the local hairdresser's school) and seven tower array are all located on a former landfill in back of the town's industrial park. Your competition, a full service AC station, features AC music, and a third station formats adult standards. You have made the tremendous business decision to broadcast a mixture of motivational talk and business news. As you sit in your lonely office figuring how to make ends meet, in walks an EPA inspector. He tells you that your entire facility is atop a toxic waste dump, covered over with earth. All of a sudden you realize why you got the land cheap. You are liable for cleaning up the toxic substances. For an easy "A" in Broadcasting 101, what do you do? Actually part of this problem happened to WBRW-1170, Somerville, NJ. The potential new owner found out that he would be responsible for cleaning up toxic material at the site (you can see the studio and four tower array just east of the Somerville New Jersey Transit Rail Station from the left side of a Raritan-bound train). The new owner said "No way!", the station was not sold, and is silent. The rest of this column is not as colorful. It is brought to you by Eric Bueneman, Geov Parrish, Al Holtz, of suburban Philly, and Jerry Starr, who gives us a dial scan from Cleveland. Here we go.....

- 550 WICE RI Pawtucket - News, sports (GP).
- 580 WMGA GA Riverside - AC/Information "Stereo 580" (EB).
- 590 KEZK IL Wood River - EZL "All New Easy 590", was WCEO, Biz News (EB).
- 630 KXOK MO St. Louis - Black AC (GP). AC/Oldies (B).??? (TF).
- 650 KMCE CA Rancho Cordova - Spanish // KRCK-1110 (GP).
- 680 WCNW GA Atlanta - Adds sports talk late at night (EB).
- 690 WYIS PA Phoenixville - Spanish Religion (Al Holtz).
- 720 WMI PA Sharmanshire - Drops Business News for Religion (GP).
- 770 WVTI FL North Port Meyers - Travel info. (GP). Center button on my car radio (TF).
- 790 WLSV NY Wellsville - Satellite CWM (GP).
- 810 WJXL AL Jacksonville - Now Contemporary Christian (GP).
- 810 WDMF WI Dodgeville - CWM//FM (GP).
- 820 WPMT IL Chicago - Off air, lost lease on XR site (GP).
- 820 WAPQ TN Jasper - Drops CWM for contemporary Christian (EB).
- 860 WTBL PA Philadelphia - Latin AC, weekdays, ethnic weekends, intends to be Philly's first 24 hour Latin contemporary station (AH).
- 870 WQRX AL Valley Head - AC/CHR (EB).
- 910 WABI ME Bangor - Satellite adult standards (GP). Another full service station gone (TF).
- 950 KOZE ID Lewiston - Satellite rock oldies (GP).
- 980 WRNE FL Gulf Breeze - Black AC (GP).
- 1010 WYST MD Baltimore - AC//FM "92 Star" (GP).
- 1040 KCBR CO Monument - Silent (GP).
- 1060 WPMX MS Tupelo - Black "Power Mix 106" (GP).
- 1070 KRBE TX Houston - Dance -CHR//FM (GP).
- 1150 KRVE CA Santa Rosa - Spanish (GP).
- 1150 WRUN NY Utica - Drops religion for BRN Business News (GP). Another rocker of the 1960's (TF).
- 1150 WAPP WI Chippewa Falls - News, talk (GP).
- 1180 WFGN SC Gaffney - Black Gospel (GP).
- 1190 WKGA GA Atlanta - Classical/Ethnic (GP).
- 1210 WDGR GA Dahlona - AC/Oldies (EB).
- 1240 KJOP CA Lemoore - Spanish (GP).
- 1250 KTIM AZ Wickenburg - Satellite CWM (GP).
- 1280 WSGX FL Sarasota - Satellite religion (GP).
- 1300 KAKC OK Tulsa - All news except oldies from 1pm to 5pm (GP).
- 1310 WSSJ NJ Camden - AC, and Spanish 10pm to midnight (AH).
- 1330 KUKU MO Willow Springs - CWM Oldies (GP).
- 1360 WWHY TN Milan - Silent (GP).
- 1370 WLOV GA Washington - Urban contemporary (GP).
- 1390 WAPR FL Avon Park - Rock oldies (GP).

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- 1400 KIGO ID St. Anthony - Silent (GP).
- 1400 WWIN MD Baltimore - Black gospel (GP).
- 1400 WOND NJ Pleasantville - News, talk, to// with WTYO-1580, Hammonton (GP).
- 1430 WRTH MO St. Louis - Ex-WIL, Unistar AM only (NOS) (EB).
- 1440 KEYS TX Corpus Christie - All news (GP).
- 1450 WRKD ME Rockland - SMN Standards (GP).
- 1450 WFRA PA Franklin - MYL (GP).
- 1460 WPRW VA Manassas - Temporarily silent (GP).
- 1470 WDJY PA Farrell - Silent (GP).
- 1480 KIOU IA Shreveport - Silent (GP).
- 1480 WGIN OH Cincinnati - Black oldies, drops classical music (GP).
- 1490 WKIP NY Poughkeepsie - News, talk (TF).
- 1490 WNBK PA Wellisboro - SMN Kool Oldies (GP).
- 1490 WPEX VA Hampton - CWM oldies (GP).
- 1500 WDPG GA Dallas - CWM, southern gospel (EB).
- 1520 WDCY GA Douglasville - Drops southern gospel for news, talk for Douglas County (EB).
- 1530 KXTD OK Wagoner - Sports talk //WWLS-640, Moore, OK (GP).
- 1550 KVKI LA Shreveport - Contemporary Christian (GP).
- 1570 KSRB AR Hardy - CWM, AC in the PM (GP).
- 1570 KLEX MD Lexington - AC//KAYX, 92.5 (GP).
- 1600 WPOM FL Pompano Beach - Gospel in the AM, Spanish in the PM (GP).

And the Cleveland dial scan from Jerry Starr.....

- 640 WHKO OH Akron - Religion.
- 800 CKLW OH Windsor - Big bands.
- 850 WRMR OH Cleveland - Nostalgia.
- 930 WOOL OH Elyria - MOR.
- 970 WFUN OH Astabula - AC.
- 1000 WCCD OH Parma - Religion, gospel.
- 1040 WJTB OH North Ridgefield - Urban contemporary, gospel.
- 1110 WWWE OH Cleveland - News, sports, talk.
- 1150 WCUH OH Cuyahoga Falls - Religion.
- 1220 WKMR OH Cleveland - Oldies, sports talk at night.
- 1260 WRDZ OH Cleveland - Religion.
- 1300 WERE OH Cleveland - News, talk.
- 1320 WOBL OH Oberlin - CWM.
- 1330 WELW OH Willoughby - AC.
- 1350 WSLR OH Akron - CWM.
- 1380 WRKG OH Lorain - Religion.
- 1420 WRK OH Cleveland - Business news.
- 1490 WJMO OH Cleveland Heights - Urban contemporary.
- 1520 WJMP OH Kent - Oldies.
- 1540 WABQ OH Cleveland - Black gospel.
- 1560 WCDN OH Chardon - Oldies.

And that is it. Gentlemen, thank you very much. By the way, are the veries slow for all of us. I have seven reports out, and not a single verie!!!

73's.

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## IN THE BEGINNING

BY JOHN D. BOWKER

THIS IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF U. S. BROADCAST STATIONS ON THE INDICATED FREQUENCY AS PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION IN 1934. "S" MEANS SHARED; "SH" MEANS SPECIFIED HOURS; "T" INDICATES TRANSMITTER LOCATION; "D" MEANS DAYTIME OPERATION ONLY; "U" MEANS UNLIMITED TIME.

Frequency (kc)	Call letters	Main studio and transmitter location	Power	Time designation
900, regional	WBEN	Buffalo, N.Y., T—Martinsville.	1 kw-----	U.
	WJAX	Jacksonville, Fla.-----	1 kw-----	U.
	WKY	Oklahoma City, Okla.-----	1 kw-----	U.
	WLBL	Stevens Point, Wis.-----	2½ kw----	D.
		T—Near Ellis.		
	KGBU	Ketchikan, Alaska-----	500 w-----	S.H.
	KHJ	Los Angeles, Calif.-----	1 kw-----	U.
	KSEI	Pocatello, Idaho -----	(250 w-----)	U.
			[500 w LS.]	



# Bandscans

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Audible stations from a DXer's location at given times.

JIM ROLLINS  
SPRING LAKE, NJ  
August 4-8, 1988 (updated)

540 WLIX Islip, NY  
WDMV Pocomoke City, MD  
550 WNGG Pawtucket, RI  
560 WFIL PHILADELPHIA, PA  
570 WMCA New York, NY  
WGMS Bethesda, MD  
580 WTAG Worcester, MA  
WHP Harrisburg, PA  
590 WARM Scranton, PA  
WROW Albany, NY  
600 WICC Bridgeport, CT  
WCAO Baltimore, MD  
610 WIP PHILADELPHIA, PA  
620 WSKQ Newark  
630 WPRO Providence, RI  
WHAL Washington, DC  
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680 WCBM Baltimore, MD  
WRKO Boston, MA  
690 WYIS Phoenixville, PA  
WADS Ansonia, CT  
700  
710 WOR New York, NY  
720  
730 WCPT Alexandria, VA  
WACE Chicopee, MA  
740 WVCH Chester, PA  
WGSN Huntington, NY  
750 WBMD Baltimore, MD  
760  
770 WABC New York, NY  
780 WABS Arlington, VA  
790 WMAZ Providence, RI  
800 WTHR Camden  
WLAD Danbury, CT  
810 WGY Schenectady, NY  
WYRE Annapolis, MD  
820 WNYC New York, NY  
830  
840 WKDI Denton, MD  
WRYM New Britain, CT  
850 WREF Ridgefield, CT  
WEEU Reading, PA  
WHDH Boston, MA  
860 WTEL Philadelphia, PA  
WBOB Baltimore  
870  
880 WCBM New York, NY  
890  
900 WJWL Georgetown, DE  
WDVT Philadelphia, PA  
910 WRCQ New Britain, CT  
WBSA York, PA  
920 WTHM Trenton, NJ  
WHJJ Providence, RI  
WPTX Lexington Park, MD  
930 WPAT Patterson  
WYUS Milford, DE  
940 WINE Brookfield, CT  
WVLV Lebanon, PA  
950 WSBY Philadelphia, PA  
960 WSEL Salisbury, MD  
WELI New Haven, CT

970 WWDJ Hackensack  
WAMD Aberdeen, CT  
980 WSUB Groton, CT  
WWRZ Washington, DC  
990 WZZD Philadelphia, PA  
1000 WIOO Carlisle, PA  
1010 WINS New York, NY  
WYST Baltimore, MD  
1020  
1030 WBZ Boston, MA  
WBZE Indian Head, MD  
1040  
1050 WEVD New York, NY  
WNTX Silver Spring, MD  
1060 KYW Philadelphia  
1070 WKMB Serling  
WKOK Sunbury, PA  
1080 WTIC Hartford, CT  
1090 WBAL Baltimore, MD  
1100 WHLI Hempstead, NY  
1110 WGHM Norristown, PA  
1120 WUST Washington, DC  
WADM Concord, MA  
1130 WNEW New York, NY  
1140  
1150 WDEL Wilmington, DE  
WCNX Middletown, CT  
1160  
1170 WORM Lakewood  
1180  
1190 WANN Annapolis, MD  
WLIB New York, NY  
1200  
1210 WCAU Philadelphia, PA  
1220 WSCR Hamden, CT  
1230 WCMC Wildwood  
WERR Westerly, RI  
1240 WGBB Freeport, NY  
WSNJ Bridgeport  
1250 WHTX Norristown  
1260 WBUD Trenton  
WMMM Westport, CT  
WNRK Newark, DE  
1270 WFHM Vineland  
WADO New York, NY  
1280 WSUX Seaford, DE  
WGLI Babylon, NY  
WJBR Wilmington, DE  
1300 WING Ewing  
WFBR Baltimore, MD  
WAVZ New Haven, CT  
1310 WSSJ Camden  
WJLK ASBURY PARK  
1320 WICO Salisbury, MD  
WKAP Allentown, PA  
1330 WPOW New York, NY  
WASA Havre de Grace, MD  
1340 WHID Atlantic City  
WNHC New Haven, CT  
1350 WNHM Princeton  
WNLK Norwalk, CT  
1360 WBBZ Vineland  
WDRC Hartford, CT  
1370 WALK Patchogue, NY  
WPAZ Pottstown, PA  
1380 WADH New York, NY  
WAMS Wilmington, DE  
1390 WRIV Riverhead, NY



WLAN Lancaster, PA  
1400 WOND PLEASANTVILLE  
WSTC Stamford, CT  
WDOV Dover, DE  
1410 WHTG Eatontown, NJ  
1420 WCOJ Coatesville, PA  
WLIS Old Saybrook, CT  
1430 WNRJ Newark, NJ  
WNAV Annapolis, MD  
1440 WNYG Babylon, NY  
WREY Millville  
1450 WIIN Atlantic City  
WCTC New Brunswick  
1460 WVOX New Rochelle, NY  
WCEI Easton, MD  
1470 WJDY Salisbury, MD  
WSAN Allentown, PA  
WMMW Meriden, CT  
1480 WDAZ Philadelphia, PA  
WJIT New York, NY  
1490 WUSS Atlantic City  
WGCN Greenwich, CT  
1500 WTOP Washington, DC  
WTFI Milford, CT  
1510 WJIC Salem  
WRAN Dover  
1520 WTRH Mineola, NY  
1530 WJDM Elizabeth  
WDJZ Bridgeport  
WCTR Chestertown, MD

1540 WPGR Philadelphia, PA  
WADK Newport, RI  
1550 WSER Elkton, MD  
WMLB West Hartford, CT  
1560 WQXR New York, NY  
1570 WRHD Riverhead, NY  
WBUX Doylestown, PA  
1580 WTYO Hammon  
WLMH Patchogue, NY  
WPGC Morningside, MD  
1590 WETT Ocean City, MD  
WERA Plainfield  
WCZN Chester, PA  
1600 WWRL New York, NY  
WKEN Dover, DE

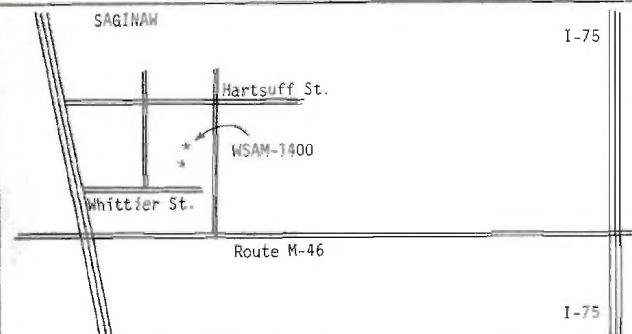


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This scan was sent in response to Laurie Boyer's request for Bandscans from several areas including Atlantic City, NJ. Jim, your letter said scans from Spring Lake, NJ and Lewes, DE were enclosed, but I did not find a Lewes scan. Just a reminder to send scans to me, not John Malicky, Ken Chatterton, or any other column editor. Send scans to Paul Swearingen if they were done from a real exotic location and would like the scan to be published as an article

## TOWER TIP MI-7

WSAM-1400  
1000 WATTS  
SAGINAW, MI



WHAT TO LOOK FOR: The northern tower is guyed, the southern tower is self-supporting, and both are located next to the WSAM studios.

CONTRIBUTED BY: Harold Frodge, Midland, MI

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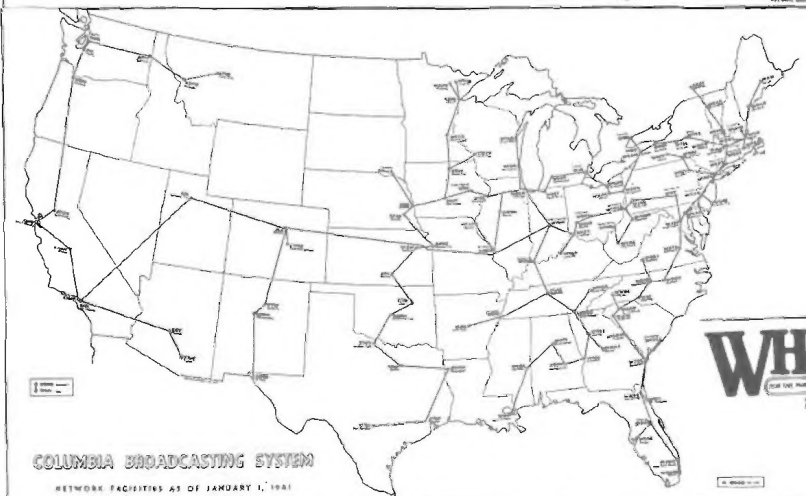
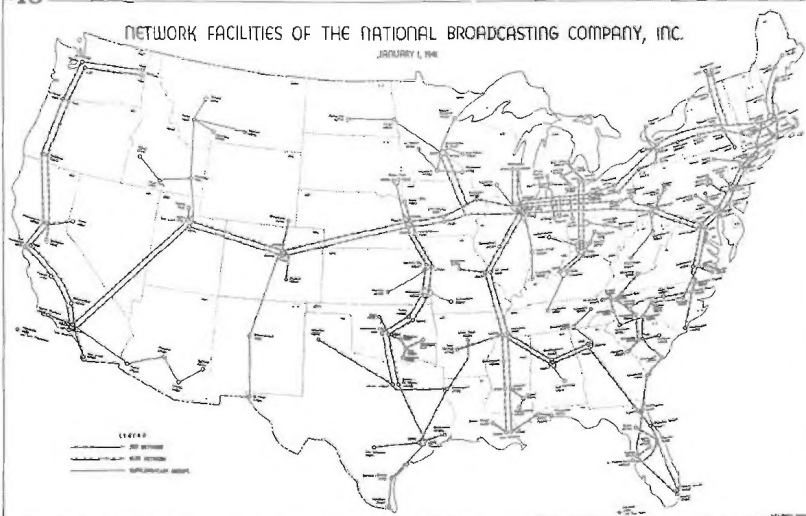
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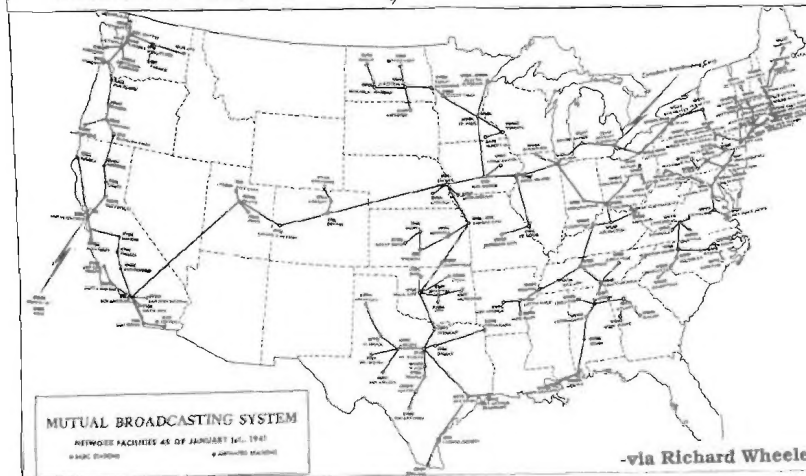
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-via Richard Wheeler

# Tuning In to the Desert

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by Charles Taylor

**Somewhere in SAUDI ARABIA** Imagine writing down a list of your favorite songs and taking it to a drive-through at the local radio station instead of calling in your requests.

Or how about tuning into Shadze Stevens' *American Top 40* countdown in the morning, *American Country Countdown* in the afternoon and an oldies show in the evening—all on the same station?

Sounds like radio from out of this world?

More likely, it's just a day in the life of the Desert Shield Network, a low-power local radio service set up for the nearly 200,000 American soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Three radio stations have been established in the country as of 12 August by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services, a division of the Department of Defense. Each delivers information, news and entertainment programming 24 hours a day.

"Our mission is to get news and local information out to the troops," said Lt. Col. Ray Shepherd, operations officer with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, who helped set up the station overseas.

But the broadcasts also serve another, equally vital mission. According to Shepherd, they help boost morale.

"The main purpose is getting out whatever the commander in the field wants to," he said. "But morale and entertainment are the hooks in terms of getting people to listen to the information."

The stations broadcast out of 8'x12' standard military shelters, capable of transmitting both radio and television, according to Robert Young, director of engineering for Navy Broadcasting. The air-conditioned units can be transported by truck or airplane.

Most are equipped with Studer CD players, Broadcast Electronics cart machines, Teac reel-to-reel players and turntables, along with ½" Beta equipment for TV, he said.

Most Armed Forces remote stations are processed through a 50 W transmitter (100 W for television), using a 120' transportable tower that reaches a seven- or eight-mile radius.

"For some of the locations, we've been

putting antennas on anything we could mount them on," Young said. "We had one in a soccer stadium in the middle of the grandstands. It's not the greatest coverage in the world, but we're getting it to the troops."

For the largest of the three Saudi stations, however, the signal is pumped through a 1.5 kW transmitter to an existing 1000' radio tower. This station, which reaches the majority of the troops, covers 100 miles. The two smaller Armed Forces stations there operate under the traditional guidelines.

Each employs three broadcasters and one engineer. Equipment and some of the staff are provided by Navy Broadcasting. Staff also are contributed by the Army and Air Force, Shepherd said.

Each of the stations must obtain permission from host countries to sign on, and frequencies are assigned as available. In all, Armed Forces Radio is transmitted in 130 countries.

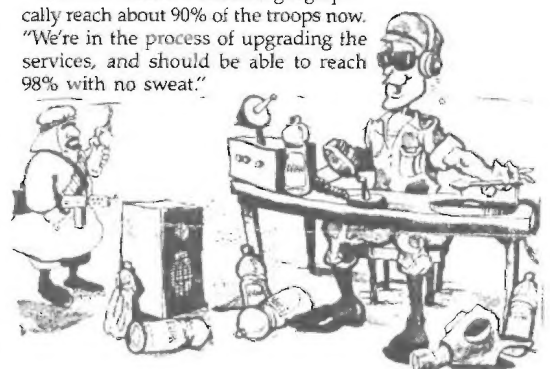
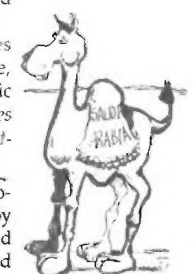
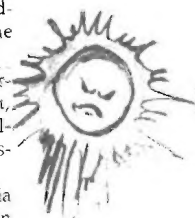
A weekly broadcast in Saudi Arabia typically consists of about six or seven hours of original programming daily, including local news and announcements, and rock, urban and country music played from records, reel-to-reel and Century 21 packaged compact discs.

Non-original programming includes regular national news fed by satellite, along with such pre-recorded domestic staples as *American Top 40*, *Rick Dees Weekly Top 40*, *American Country Countdown* and a syndicated oldies show.

The stations also air one- and two-hour programming blocks provided by stateside stations across the United States. Submitted shows are reviewed and approved for troop consumption in Los Angeles and sent to Saudi Arabia.

Collins said the broadcasts geographically reach about 90% of the troops now. "We're in the process of upgrading the services, and should be able to reach 98% with no sweat."

Radio World  
-via Jerry Starr





# Musings of the Members

Thoughts from NRC members... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

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Times are local per Muse.

**ERNEST COOPER - 5 ANTHONY STREET - PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

5 more veries have made it all the way out here to the Tip of the Cape: CBGX-680, WNCC-1450, WFXA-1550, WKGM-940 and Saudi Arabia-1521! This is my 1st Asian verie in 58 years of DX'ing! It came via registered mail, no less. What a treat it was to see the great Musings section in the 1/7 DX NEWS! It could be like that every week if more of you would contribute to it! It was a "blast from the past" to see Musings from Dave Gleason, Paul Mount, Russ Edmunds, Pete Clarius, Bill Alisaukas, and George Santoli among the many others - welcome back guys! Some DX has snuck in here: 12/17 an UNID TTR on 1160 o/WORM 1:04-1:30A, no ID then gone. I wonder if it was the new WVNJ? Unn WCDN-1560 was testing again at 1:54A. WPNT-820 was squeezing through several others but not enough for a report and not heard since. WBAP still rules 820 here in the wee hours. WBIS-1120-CT noted on the All Night Sports Network out of Boston u/KMOX (flagship is WRCA-1330). Wed. 12/19 twilight report to WQOF-1580 NC w/REL programming. Fri. 12/21 Caribbean Lighthouse noted in CBF's null at 2:09A, report sent to this and their 1610 outlet also as I found I do not have the latter verified. Sun 12/23 still working on ID'ing my 1590 SS who was in often this AM but no luck. Wed. 12/26 noting a "jumpy" signal from ANER WCCZ-1550, I stopped there and at 1:54A a nice clear ID was noted from WFXA-GA! 12/27 Unn WSUA-1260 o/local WEZE this AM. 12/28 report to WKNR-1220 ex-WGAR. 12/29 On a tip from Stan Morss, I logged daytime local WNCC-1450 for a report, a station I hadn't bothered to verify as he told me they were reverting back to their old calls on 1/1, WNNR, and sure enough, they did! I finally got an ID on my 1590 SS, WNNX, and a report is off to them. I doubted it was this one as I don't receive regionals that far west here. Their night pattern must favor me but I can't see how come for they must have to protect WAKR and that would null me out, too, I'd imagine. 1/4 2nd try for a verie from WEAZ-560. Unn WJXY-1050 tearing up WEVD at 4:40P. Tue. 1/15 my favorite frequency yielded me another newie, WJRO at 3:03A. I'm looking forward to a visit from Ray & Arlene Arruda on 1/20 and also from Stan Morss one of these wintry days! Forward - March!

**BRUCE CONTI - 34 KESSLER FARM DRIVE - NASHUA, NH 03063**

I didn't feel like sleeping tonight so I got out of bed and listened to the radio. cause I'm a DXing fool (there's a song in there somewhere)! 1/20: WADO-1280 made it through CJMS in SS w/Radio Wado ID at 1:57A. CJMS was in good w/FF oldies mx. CJBK-1290 topped the frequency w/jingle/ID at 2A, commercial free music promo and AC music. YCH-530 beacon was strong w/code ID's at 2:27A. 540 was active this morning. At 2:29A, 'Oldies 54 W---' ID was caught, WGTO or WRIC? Also an UNID FF and an UNID SS were heard w/54 Rock CJSB. The FF station had jazz music but was never strong enough to pick out an ID. WYMT-620 got through local WGIR splash w/Greaser! America oldies promo, classic hits ID, and Jim Bohannon at 3:05A o/what was assumed to be WSKO w/SS talk, salsa music. An UNID-640 was in rough w/FF talk at 3:30A o/u WNNZ which had Talknet then CBS news at 4A. No FF listed in the log for 640. Radio Rebelde-670 Cuba was fair in WRKO splash w/SS EZL ballads at 4:30A paralleled w/600. WRRL-1600 was in good w/promo for MLK celebration and gospel mx o/WUNR at 4:38A. Radio Lighthouse-1610 was heard consistently through local TIS at 4:50A w/REL. WFTQ-1440 noted simulcasting WAAF-107.3 w/rock music, ID, 5:15A. WLPZ-1440 was also in there w/Z-Rock. Returning to the low end of the dial, at 5:25A, NH DOT TIS WNUB-384 Tyngsboro was on 530 w/the same turnpike info and calls as on 1610 Nashua. No sign of YCH. Well, noise levels are rising as residents of the apartment complex wake up, so I'm back to bed! 73's

**HARRY J. HAYES - 9 HENRY STREET - WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702**

As Operation Desert Storm unfolded Wed. 1/16, WBAX-1240 suspended music programming and replaced it with continuous CNN coverage of the war. Also carrying CNN was WARD-1550. WILK-980 which normally programs CNN Headline News had coverage provided by ABC news. Also the onset of war was quite evident as the nightly Terry McNulty SportsTalk program on WARM-590 switch from conversation of sports to developments taking place in the Persian Gulf at approx. 6:40 that evening. Recent DX here: 1/13 WHJM-1180 w/gospel mx w/WHAM nullled at 5P for a new one. 1/19 WLBG-860 w/Black Gospel and slogan "Sizzlin' 86" at 5:56P. Most recent verie came from WYRS for 1/5 reception. Many reports sent out this season but very, very poor response. This is one reason why I don't take verie collecting all that seriously any more. More next time, 73's.

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**SHAWN AXELROD - WAYNE MCRAE - WINNIPEG, MB**

Greetings from the Great White North! Well, we were at it again. It was time for our trek to Arnes MB and DX from Wayne McRae's summer home. It was the best DX yet! Even the weather was good, the first night it was -20 but it warmed up to -5 and we were very comfortable, I didn't have to sit with my feet on the oven door this time to warm them up! The conditions were great and after putting out 3 or 4 beverages by the lite of the stars, we settled in for some DXing. You may have seen in the loggings columns that we managed to get our very 1st TP by logging Australia on 1548. We had hats all over the place but it was the only one to come through for us. That evening, East/West conditions were good with almost no US station interference, with the logging of our first stations from Portugal, Albania & Yugoslavia. Even Larry Shewchuk who joined us from CIDX was in on the BCBC DX. All of this and our first ME station left us a bit wiped out. At 3:30A, I awoke (we hit the sack at midnight for a nap), with a cold nose and found the heaters out. The heaters were re-lit and I decided to try 990 to see if at long last we could head WF, sure enough, there they were. Not bad for 1 1/2 days, 4 new countries, 1 new state & 1 new province. Larry & I went back on Sunday while Wayne stayed 1 more day and logged other good catches in the US included a IL TIS on 1612. The only bad part, a snowmobile ran over 2 of the beverages and cut them up a bit, but repairs were made. DXing the Great White North is always an adventure (especially with no indoor plumbing!), even the chance to walk out on a frozen lake to put out an antenna by the light of the heavens above! 73's & best of DX to all!

**DAVE SCHMIDT - P O BOX 11502 - WILMINGTON, DE 19850**

I'm hoping that sometime in February I may have some DX to report from a S NJ beverage antenna sight, don't know which way it'll be aimed but that'll come in due time, I suspect. Add another to the off-air list, WHRF-1520. Another small town full service AM'er shut down 1/25, WHRF really came upon rough times at the beginning of the month, having a staff walk-out but they hung on with volunteers til the 25th. Amazing was that they were doing fairly well up til a few months back, having a loyal local following. 1520 doesn't have a good track record for stations in this area with WBG-Ocean City, NJ (lost lease on tower sight), WEXM-Exmore, VA (license turned in) and now WHRF all going off within the last few years, leaving WCHE wide open. Thanks to Kermit Geary for his fine report to WVSJ recently and to Kevin Conover for his report to WAMS (how about a report sometime Kevin?). 73's

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IA-9

KCHE - 1440  
500 WATTS DAY, 78 WATTS NITE  
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KCHE \*  
1440

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U.S. 59

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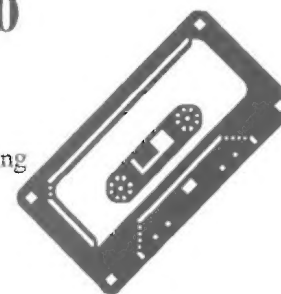
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